

**LCR MSCP Steering Committee**  
**Final Meeting Notes**  
**April 25, 2007**  
**Las Vegas, NV**

The next meeting of the Steering Committee has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at McCarran Airport, Las Vegas, NV. (Note – This has since been changed from an in-person meeting to a conference call)

Attending

Lorri Gray  
Gerald Zimmerman  
Laura Vecerina  
Barbara Raulston  
Tom Burke  
Lesley Fitzpatrick  
George Caan  
Glen Gould  
Brian Young  
Chuck Cullom  
Patti Aaron  
Bill Werner  
Ray Hedrick  
David Weedman  
Tom Hine  
Dana Medlock  
Doyle Wilson

Tim Wade  
Maureen George  
Gerald Hillier  
Jon Sjoberg  
Janet Monaco  
Charles Paradzick  
Vicki Dee Bradshaw  
Cahn Nguyen  
David Brownlee  
Monica Swartz  
Larry Purcell  
Phillip Lehr  
Anthony Miller  
Holly Cheong  
Sara Price  
Eileen Wynkoop  
Jack Stonehocker

Fred Worthley  
John Williams  
John Swett  
Jeannie Bouvia

By Telephone

Chris Harris  
Chris Hayes  
Hanson  
Bill Plummer  
Terry Christianson  
Beth Miller  
Laura Simonek  
Wade Noble  
Perri Benemelis

**1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS – GERALD ZIMMERMAN**

Introductions

The meeting convened at 9:15 a.m. by Chairperson Jerry Zimmerman. There were self introductions of all attending.

Review of Agenda

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

## Public Comments

No public comments were offered.

## Approve August 23, 2006, Meeting Notes

The August 23, 2006, Meeting Notes were approved and adopted by consensus.

## Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Jerry Zimmerman moved to elect George Caan as Chair, motion seconded, approved by consensus.

George Caan moved to elect Bill Werner as Vice-Chair, motion seconded, approved by consensus.

Lorri Gray made a presentation to Jerry Zimmerman for his outstanding leadership and long-standing commitment to the program. He served as Chair through development of the program and the first two years of program implementation.

George Caan took over the floor to continue the meeting. He thanked Jerry for his hard work and efforts during the past year.

## **2. CIBOLA LAND AND WATER**

### Project Overview

Lorri Gray said the lease of land and water between Mohave County Water Authority and Reclamation for MSCP purposes is on track and expected to be executed this fiscal year. She provided information about the specifics of the transaction which are outlined in Program Decision Document 07-001. There was concern that there might not be enough water to develop the land. Lorri indicated that water could be moved around on the property to maximize the habitat development, but recognized that there will be acres on this property that will not be able to be developed into habitat unless additional water is available. Lorri Gray confirmed that the water is 4<sup>th</sup> priority water.

### Land and Water Approval

There was a motion by Jerry Zimmerman as follows: Move that the Steering Committee approve Reclamation entering into a long-term lease with Mohave County, to secure 1,309 acres of land and 1,300 acre-feet of water in the Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District. The Steering Committee approves Reclamation securing 1,500 acre-feet of water from the Hopi Tribe.

The motion was moved by Jerry Zimmerman, seconded by Bill Werner, and approved by consensus with the following change - "Mohave County" should be "Mohave County Water Authority".

### **3. WORK PLANS AND BUDGET**

#### FY2006 Accomplishments

Lorri Gray provided a financial overview of FY06 MSCP accomplishment by Program Element. Each of the group managers Tom Burke, Barbara Raulston (for Terry Murphy), and John Sweat then gave a technical presentation on accomplishments in FY06 for each of their program areas.

#### FY07 Program and Financial Status

##### FY07 Contributions

##### Work Task Additions E24 (Action)

Lorri Gray reviewed the FY07 financial status as of the end of March. This included a status of both funding received and expenditures to date. In summary, all partner contributions have been received as expected and program accomplishments for FY07 are on track.

Lorri Gray presented a new work task (E-24 – Cibola NWR Unit #1) for inclusion in the FY07 Program. This work task will allow Reclamation to enter into a partnership with Cibola National Wildlife Refuge. This partnership will allow Reclamation to develop as much as 900 acres of Refuge property. A motion was made by Jon Sjoberg and seconded by Bill Werner, and approved by consensus to include the new work task in the FY07 Program.

#### Draft FY2008 Work Plan and Budget

##### Comments 4/25 – 5/15

##### WG Mtg 5/16-17

##### Final 6/27

Lorri Gray presented the draft FY08 Implementation Report, Fiscal Year 2008 Work Plan, and Budget, Fiscal Year 2006 Accomplishment Report to the Steering Committee. A work group meeting has been scheduled for May 16-17 in Las Vegas to receive comments on the report. George Caan encouraged those with interest to attend.

#### FY08 Contribution Schedule

As part of the presentation, the estimated contributions from the States for FY08 were presented.

## **4. PROJECT UPDATES**

### Planet Ranch

Lorri Gray indicated that Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, the Bureau of Land Management, and Reclamation continue to discuss Planet Ranch with Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc. (previously Phelps Dodge). A two phase approach is being discussed which includes a lease between Freeport and Reclamation for land and water to develop habitat; and a land exchange between Freeport and the Bureau of Land Management for the upland areas of the property.

### Laguna Division Planning Effort

Lorri Gray indicated that meetings have been held with resource agencies to discuss joint needs and opportunities within the Laguna Division. The goal is to see if there are opportunities for projects that will have environmental benefits that could be accomplished jointly or individually. Any potential projects will be evaluated to determine if they could meet MSCP goals.

### Fish Recovery Goals

Lesley Fitzpatrick said that the FWS is reviewing the 2002 recovery goals for the four big river fish. The FWS is requesting that any new and substantial information that may warrant the revision be sent to Sam Spiller by May 31.

### Quagga Mussels

Tom Burke gave a presentation on the Quagga Mussel. The biggest hurdle for the MSCP is associated with fish rearing and the potential for fish being moved to different hatcheries and spreading the mussel. Tom indicated that protocols are being developed to deal with this issue.

## **5. PROCESS UPDATES**

### Status of In-Kind Credit for Services

Laura Vecerina provided a status on in-kind credit for services. She indicated that a draft program decision document was being prepared incorporating comments from the work group meeting held in February. A revised draft will be distributed for review this summer.

### Status of Draft Site Selection Report

Laura Vecerina indicated that a number of potential restoration sites were taken through the first phase of the site selection process. A work group conference call was held to review the results and provide recommendations on the process as outlined in the draft report. Comments on the draft report will be incorporated before a final is developed.

### Status of Five-Year Monitoring and Research Priorities

The draft document has been prepared and is being posted for review. Lorri Gray indicated that a conference call is scheduled for Tuesday May 1 to provide an overview of the document and to answer any questions. The draft report will be discussed as part of the FY08 work group meeting on 5/16-17.

## **6. STEERING COMMITTEE SCHEDULE**

### **FY 2007**

May 1, 2007	Work Group Conference Call Five-Year Monitoring and Research Priorities
May 16-17, 2007	Work Group Meeting Draft FY2008 Work Plan and Budget
June 27, 2007	Steering Committee Meeting

### **FY 2008**

October 2007	Work Group Meeting (now changed to a Steering Committee Meeting) Program Status Field Trip
April 2008	Steering Committee Meeting
June 2008	Steering Committee Meeting

Lorri indicated that the June 27, 2007 meeting could be postponed to July.

## **7. GENERAL INFORMATION**

### Status of Legislation

Senate Bill 300 was introduced in the Senate and should be in House soon. No hearings have been scheduled.

## **8. SUMMARY AND ACTION ITEMS**

## **9. ADJOURN**

The next Steering Committee Meeting will be May 23, 2007, at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas.

### **Action Items**

1. ACTION – Approved the agenda by consensus
2. ACTION – Approved the August 23, 2006, Meeting Notes by consensus
3. ACTION – Jerry Zimmerman nominated George Caan as new Chair, approved and seconded, approved by consensus
4. ACTION – George Caan nominated Bill Werner as new Vice-Chair, approved and seconded, approved by consensus
5. ACTION – Cibola Land and Water Resolution – moved by Jerry Zimmerman, seconded by Bill Werner, should read “Mohave County Water Authority”, approved by consensus
6. ACTION – Work Task Addition E24 moved by John Sjoberg, seconded by Bill Werner, approved by consensus